

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - Prohibition and Excise Department - Certain deaths occurred due to consumption of illicit liquor by the villagers in Amalapuram Mandal & Ambajipet Mandal, East Godavari District between 24.1.2010 to 26.1.2010 - Disciplinary proceedings against Sri K. Madhusudhana Rao, Prohibition & Excise Superintendent, Amalapuram, East Godavari District - Charges - Imposition of penalty of stoppage of two annual grade increments without cumulative effect - Imposed - Orders - Issued.

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REVENUE (VIGILANCE-V) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No. 1252

Dated:02.09.2010.

Read the following:-

1. From the C.PE, Letter Cr.No. Special-Peshi/2010, Dated 27.1.2010.
2. G.O.Ms.No.476, Revenue (Vig.V) Dept. Dt:29.5.2010.
3. G.O.Rt.No.787, Revenue (Vig.V) Dept. Dt:29.5.2010.
4. From Sri K. Madhusudhana Rao, Proh. & Excise Superintendent, written statement of defence dated 21.7.2010.

ORDER:

It has been brought to the notice of the Government that (18) deaths occurred due to consumption of adulterated liquor by the villagers of G. Agraharam, Musalapally villages of Ambajipet Madal and Palagummi and Bandaru Lanka villages of Amalapuram Mandal between 24.1.2010 to 26.1.2040 and (178) persons were reported to have been hospitalized in the tragic incident. Government, after considering the report and the seriousness involved in the matter, have initiated common disciplinary proceedings against the responsible P&E personnel for their gross negligence in conducting checks and detecting the sale of illicit liquor in the jurisdictions of Ambajipet & Amalapuram Mandals, East Godavari District under rule 24 of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991, vide reference 2nd read above. Accordingly, in the reference 3rd read above, the following charges were framed against Sri K. Madhusudhana Rao, Proh. & Excise Superintendent, Amalapuram with a direction to submit his written statement of defence :

Charge-I That, the said Sri K. Madhushudhan Rao, Prohibition and Excise Superintendent Amalapuram has derelicted his duties which led to consumption of illicit liquor by the villagers of G. Agraharam, Musalapally villages of Ambajipeta Mandal and Palagummi and Bandaru Lanka Villages of Amalapuram Mandal between 24-1-2010 to 26-1-2010 and caused death of (18) persons and hospitalization of (178) persons. Thus, he has exhibited gross negligence towards his legitimate duties

Charge-II That, the said Sri K. Madhushudhan Rao, Prohibition and Excise Superintendent Amalapuram has failed to supervise and control illicit distillation crime effectively in Amalapuram area which led to the above tragedy and thereby neglected his legitimate duties.

2. In the reference 4th read above, Sri K. Madhusudhana Rao, former Prohibition & Excise Superintendent, Amalapuram and presently working as Prohibition & Excise Superintendent, Khammam has submitted his written statement of defence on the above two charges. He has stated that after joining as Prohibition & Excise Superintendent, Amalapuram on 5.2.2008, he conducted raids and booked cases and submitted certain details of the cases booked during his tenure as Prohibition & Excise Superintendent, Amalapuram. He has further stated that as per the forensic

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reports received on 17.3.2010, the deaths caused due to consumption of “Methyl Alcohol” and he has stated that as per the instructions in force, the Prohibition & Excise Department have no regulatory control over the above chemical substance and he has further stated that the deceased persons might have consumed the Methanol out of innocence and presuming that it was ethyl alcohol, which gives intoxication. The individual, while submitting certain details of his achievements, has stated that there is no negligence on his part and requested the Government to drop the charge against him.

3. Government have examined the matter and observed that it is not a case of loss of revenue to recoup and it is a loss of human life. Government observed that the field functionaries as well as their supervisory officers utterly failed in controlling I.D liquor and its adulteration with Methanol which caused the death of 18 persons and hospitalization of 178 persons. Thus, Sri K. Madhusudhana Rao, Prohibition & Excise Superintendent, Amalapuram is responsible for not only organizing checks / raids to detect the brewing and sale of illicit liquor in his jurisdiction but also to control adulteration of liquor. His failure to discharge these official responsibilities resulted in occurrence of the above mentioned liquor tragedy.

4. Government, after careful examination of the matter and also the reasons mentioned at para 3 above, have decided to impose a penalty of stoppage of two annual grade increments without cumulative effect against Sri K. Madhusudhana Rao, former Prohibition & Excise Superintendent, Amalapuram and presently working as Prohibition & Excise Superintendent, Khammam.

5. Accordingly, Government hereby impose the penalty of stoppage of two annual grade increments without cumulative effect against Sri K. Madhusudhana Rao, former Prohibition & Excise Superintendent, Amalapuram and presently working as Prohibition & Excise Superintendent, Khammam under clause (iv) of rule 9 of A.P.C.S (CC&A) Rules, 1991.

6. The Commissioner, Prohibition & Excise, Hyderabad shall take further action accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

ASUTOSH MISHRA
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

Sri K. Madhusudhana Rao, former Prohibition & Excise Superintendent, Amalapuram and presently working as Prohibition & Excise Superintendent, Khammam

through the Commissioner, Prohibition & Excise, Hyderabad

The Commissioner, Prohibition & Excise, Hyderabad.

(He is requested to serve the same on the individual and return the acknowledgment copy)

Copy to:

PS to Principal Secretary to Government, Revenue Department.

The Revenue (Excise I) Department.

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SECTION OFFICER.